



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 30, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

"I just knew it," Jonah says. "I knew you are a gracious God." We might think that is a good thing. But clearly Jonah finds the grace of God to be a problem. The truth is, Jonah may be more honest than most about this frustrating reality of God, but he is not alone.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Canon (8 a.m.)

arr. Hal Hopson; Morning Bells

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (9:30 a.m.)

arr. Cathy Moklebust; Village Ringers

Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208 (11 a.m.)

by Dieterich Buxtehude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Why Village Matters: Global Witness Offering

Call to Worship

Rev. Len Carrell

When the morning breaks and I arise to greet a new day,
it is the Lord whom I will praise.

**When the family gathers and worship is offered,
it is the Lord of grace whom we will praise.**

*Hymn, No. 425 (v.1,3 - Congregation; v. 2 - Choir)

Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace
TAMA NGAKAU MARIE

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

There is much that we do not know, but we know this:

Your grace is persistent.

When we are honest with ourselves, we also know

how desperately we depend on Your grace. (Silent Prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer (from Hymn, No. 627)

**I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my God, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

Every Time I Feel the Spirit (8 a.m.)

arr. Bill Ingram; Morning Bells

Consolation (9:30 a.m.)

by Gail Downey; Village Ringers

Sing to the Lord! (11 a.m.)

by Noel Goemanne; Alegría Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Linson (8 a.m.)

Hoyl Lockett (9:30 a.m.)

Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Jonah 3:1-4:3 (pg. 845)

Sermon

Grace Can Be A Problem

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 442

Just as I Am, without One Plea
WOODWORTH

Offertory

Beatitudes: VI. The Pure in Heart
by Patrick Hawes; Village Choir

*Response (from Hymn, No. 619)

**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 438 (v. 1-3)

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
TOPLADY

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.**

*Postlude

Praeludium in a minor
by Georg Böhm

**All who are able may stand*

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MUSIC NOTES

Today we are excited to welcome Alegría (a choir for young adults), Morning Bells and Village Ringers to worship for the first time this fall. If you are interested in participating in our ensembles or workshops, please contact Music Coordinator Carol Dale (carol.dale@villagepres.org) or any of our music staff. We have a very exciting year planned, and it's not too late to join!

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VILLAGE CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS

2ND THURSDAY RECITAL SERIES



12:15 P.M. OCTOBER 11, 2018
VILLAGE ON MISSION

Featured Artist
Thomas Rosenkranz, piano
FREE ADMISSION



THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of October 1, 2018)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Zach Walker and are offered for your own personal devotion. You are invited to read the text, think about the reflection and questions and allow these to lead you in a time of prayer. Pray for your own journey of faith, pray for Village Church, pray for the community around you, and pray for all of creation.

Monday, Oct. 1

Psalm 19

Beginning the week with a Psalm can be a great way to add poetry to your devotional time. How is this psalm like a prayer? What would you say each section is about – thankfulness, asking for something, praise? After noting these sections in the psalm, pray a prayer to God that follows the same format.

Tuesday, Oct. 2

Esther 7:1-6

Without the backstory, these verses might seem somewhat plain. But this is a big moment for Esther, revealing who she truly is before the king and putting her life on the line. She is putting faith in God in this moment, but she is also doing the right thing. There are times in our lives when what to do is a matter of choosing what is right. But those moments are often clearer when we have a grasp of who God is and what God would have of us in that moment.

Wednesday, Oct. 3

James 5:13-20

As Christians, we often pray to God. How is your prayer life? What do you tend to pray for or about? In what ways do you want your prayer life to be different? Spend some time today praying to God about prayer. Try to be in prayer for at least two minutes, and it doesn't have to be anything other than sharing with God what is on your mind.

Thursday, Oct. 4

Mark 9:30-37

A few of these verses may be familiar to you: whoever wants to be first must be a servant to all, and whoever welcomes children such as these also welcomes me. Although these might feel a little basic, they are also incredibly challenging. Seeking ways to serve others, particularly those who culture deems to be 'lesser,' throughout the week always bears fruit in God's Kingdom. So how might you bear this kind of fruit this week?

Friday, Oct. 5

Numbers 11:10-16

Moses is at a low point here. He feels alone, responsible for a people who have many needs. It is notable that God's first task was not to solve the problems of the people, but to essentially tell Moses he needed a team. When you are in your low points, who is your team? How do you share your life with those people... or how might you begin to?

Saturday, Oct. 6

Mark 9:38-50

This story opens up a conversation about what it means to do something in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit... and yet we might not agree with all they do in that name and with that power. When have you judged another person's faith or their faith tradition? What have you done to understand it, and where might their tradition still be doing good in this world?



FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

TODAY

5-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30

Village on Mission North Parking Lot.
Invite your friends and neighbors, too!

New Safety Measures at Village on Mission

Acting on the recommendation of Prairie Village police to improve safety at Village on Mission, effective Oct. 1, two entrances to the church will be locked Monday through Saturday: the west side Chapel door entrance and the west steeple door entrance. All doors will be open on Sunday.

You'll be hearing more about other plans to improve safety and security at Village Church in the coming months.

Discover Village

A way for you to connect. You're invited to stop by our Discover Village desk, between worship services, at the north Welcome Center entrance. Hosts will be available at the desk every Sunday morning; a place where you can share conversation and enjoy a cookie. We look forward to meeting you!

Come to Discover Village between worship services and meet our food pantry director, Susan Webb.

TODAY AT VILLAGE

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH! Please join us every week. Refreshments are available in Friendship Hall following the worship service.

NEW TO US? Village Presbyterian Church is a family of faith actively shaped by the life of Christ to love one another, provide leadership for the transformation of our communities and serve the world. We are a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith that is inclusive, generous and welcoming of all people. Village is one church worshipping at two campuses: Village on Mission (6641 Mission Road in Prairie Village) and Village on Antioch (14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park). If you would like a tour of Village on Mission, contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331.

JOINING VILLAGE CHURCH – Village receives new members every other month at a special Sunday luncheon. The remaining 2018 joining dates are Oct. 14 and Dec. 9. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331 for information.

FALL FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL TODAY - Please join us from 5-7 p.m. today in the Village Church on Mission north parking lot. Bring your lawn chairs and sit under the big tent and enjoy live entertainment by the Aaron Linscheid Trio. Food trucks include Slater's Food Truck (wings, pizza, parmesan fries), Beauty & the Bistro, Cooter Brand BBQ, Crave of KC and Betty Rae's Homemade Ice Cream. Food cost is on your own. The event is sponsored by the Connectional Ministries Committee.

WORSHIP BAGS are available for children to enjoy during worship. Please return the bags to the baskets located in the Narthex.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

TECH TALK WITH TONY - So you want to replace that cellphone, tablet, or computer (Windows or Apple)? We will discuss: How can you use your new device with your existing device(s); What accessories you will need and do you reuse or buy new accessories. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, Room 316.

Upcoming Village U classes:

BACK PAIN AND SCIATICA: HOW TO HEAL NATURALLY – In this one-hour workshop, you will learn the most common causes and a way to pick the right treatment. Taught by Biagio Mazza, physical therapist. 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, Room 133.

HOUSING OPTIONS – WHAT ARE YOUR CHOICES? This session covers the vocabulary associated with aging and senior housing choices. Learn the basics as a way to start your exploration of what is right for you. Led by Evie Curtis of the Education Group. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, Room 232.

IN THE BEGINNINGS ... GENESIS – Stories that form the foundation of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths. Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 3-31, Rooms 232 & 233.

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS IN A RELIGIOUSLY DIVERSE WORLD – In a nation of increasingly diverse religious traditions, people of every faith – and none – must find ways to be religiously literate enough to welcome those who practice religions other than their own. On Oct. 3, instructor Bill Tammeus will be joined by Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn of Temple Israel, both who are adherents of religions other than Christianity, will speak about how best to do that. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 3 & 10, Room 126.

AN INTRODUCTION TO TAIZÉ – In the first two sessions, we'll explore some of the elements of the community of Taizé—its people, story, music and life-giving wisdom. In our third session, Rev. Len Carrell and Dr. Elisa Bickers will lead us in a simple Taizé-style evening vespers. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 3-17, Chapel.

VILLAGE CHURCH 101: BELIEVING AND BELONGING – Classes are designed especially for new members. Learning more about Village Church, our mission and our ministry. Taught by Rev. Tom Are, Jr., Rev. Len Carrell and Cindy Wilcox. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 3-24, Room 127.

DAY TRIP - PONY EXPRESS MUSEUM is a transport museum in Saint Joseph, Missouri, documenting the history of the Pony Express. Facilitated by Georgia Klein. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4. Additional Cost: \$30.

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH YOUR BUDDIES – Join Rev. Tom Are for a Tuesday morning Bible study. Chef Emily will prepare a hot breakfast, and Rev. Are will offer a reflection on passages from Scripture. To make a reservation for breakfast, contact Marianne Weber at marianne.weber@villagepres.org or 913-671-2333. Cost: \$6. Child care is not available. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 9-30 & Nov. 6 & 13, Room 228.

9:30 A.M. ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

FAITH JOURNEY is studying "Blessed: A History of the American Prosperity Gospel" by Kate Bowler. We will look at the history of the prosperity gospel along with the scripture that this group uses as support for their beliefs to examine how our beliefs on this topic and the interpretation of the scriptures compare. Facilitated by Kathy Ray. Room 230.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH – Join us as Rev. Dwight Tawney helps us understand what happened to the Jerusalem Church. Within four years of the crucifixion, a growing fellowship of believers emerged in Jerusalem led by James, the brother of Jesus. What were the earmarks of this Jewish Christian church? How was it like the Gentile church founded by Paul? How was it different, and what became of this earliest form of Christianity? Room 15.

GROWING TOGETHER invites adults in their 40's and 50's who are interested in growing together in context of their families. The members of the Growing Together class welcome anyone who is looking for opportunities to grow using Christ's principles as we apply Jesus to our lives today. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre. Room 124.

VILLAGE FORUM – The class begins with the video, "God and Imperial Power, Jesus and Economic Justice." In this video series, John Dominic Crossan and Joerg Rieger expand our awareness of the historic collusion between Christianity and the empires of the west, Led by Rev. Dr. John Borden and Gus Breytspraak. Today-Oct. 14. Room 126.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

CHILD CARE FOR ALL SERVICES – Infants through 3-year-olds are welcome in Rooms 114, 111 and/or 107.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:25-10:30 a.m. 2-4-yrs./Pre-K, are in Sunday School on the first floor with registration and age specific room assignments outside Room 107. **K-6th graders** are on the third floor with registration and grade specific room assignment outside Room 307. Info can also be seen outside Room 207.

MORNING STARS – 10:30-11 a.m. 3-year-olds-6th graders are welcome.

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES – The next baptism dates are Nov. 18 and Jan. 20. An education class is offered for members who are new to Village baptism. Share news of your new baby so we can welcome and commemorate the new family member's arrival. Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS – Our menu for Oct. 3 is baked potato bar, chicken tenders, vegetable. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet at 5:30-6:30 p.m. Full meal with salad bar and dessert is \$7. Salad bar and dessert is \$6. Children ages 4-10 are \$3 and children age 3 and under are free. Contact Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org to make your dinner reservation by noon tomorrow.

FLU SHOTS – Village on Mission will be offering flu shots on Sunday morning, Oct. 21 (9-11 a.m. in Friendship Hall) and on Wednesday evening, Oct. 24 (5-6:30 p.m. just outside Room 230). Just show up and bring your health insurance card and photo I.D.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY – Join us for Single Adult Ministry Friday Nights at Village on Mission. No reservation needed. We'll meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Fridays, now-Nov. 16, in Room 230 for fellowship and conversation. Contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org if you have questions.

VILLAGE GOLF OUTING – Monthly outings are a four-person scramble format and runs April-October. You do not need to be a member of Village Church. The next outing is at Falcon Lakes on Tuesday, Oct. 9, with 9:30 a.m. Tee Time. RSVP deadline is today. This outing will include a buffet lunch after the outing which is included. To sign up, contact: Brad Steil, 913-469-5683, bradsteil@everestkc.net or Art Newcomer, 913-752-7540, artnewcome@aol.com.

YOU'RE INVITED VILLAGE CONNECT CONVERSATION GROUPS – Village Connect (small group ministry) is a way to strengthen faith through conversations, while making and deepening friendships. Groups watch a DVD video study developed by Pastor Tom Are, supported by a leader's guide developed by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. Contact Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 or cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for inquiries.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – It's the last Sunday in September and the last day of collecting peanut butter for the Food Pantry. You have been so generous with your donations and the clients and volunteers are so appreciative to have a good supply. In October, the Clothes Closet will start accepting fall and winter clothing. Thank you for your support of this important mission!

SOLE HOPE DENIM DRIVE – We are collecting denim in preparation for our annual "Be the Church" service day on Oct. 21. Drop off your old blue jeans in the designated boxes at either main entrance (Village on Mission) by Oct. 19. Then, join us for our Be the Church Service Day to help cut them so they can be made into shoes for children in Jinja, Uganda. Learn more at solehope.org.

BE THE CHURCH SERVICE DAY, OCT. 21 – Want to give back to the community? Join Village on Mission, Antioch and other Presbyterian churches in the area for Be the Church Service Week, Oct. 21-28. Village will be hosting its activities on the day of Sunday, Oct. 21 following the 9:30 a.m. worship and brunch at our Antioch campus and after the 5 p.m. Gathering service and pizza dinner at our Mission campus. Learn more and register at bethechurchservice.com. Contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369.

PEACEMAKING OFFERING AND GLOBAL WITNESS (OCT. 7 ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY) – 50% of this offering provides assistance for congregations and other bodies of the Presbyterian Church; 25% goes to our presbytery and synod; 25% is retained by Village Church's Social Witness & Advocacy Task Force to support Grandview Park Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Kan. with construction of their "Kitchen of Peace." White envelopes for this offering reside in the hymnal slot in front of you.

MUSIC MINISTRY

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT – Join us at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary for this free concert. The program "Around the World" will feature an exciting mix of pieces covering all corners of the globe and will be headlined by Darius Milhaud's masterwork, "Suite Francaise."

HANDBELL BASICS WORKSHOP – Have you ever listened to one of our handbell choirs and thought, "I'd like to try that!"? Here's your opportunity! A free, three-session workshop from 1-2:15 p.m. on Thursdays, Oct. 11-25. To sign up, or for more information, contact Leslie Conrad at conradleslie@aol.com or 913-341-2734.

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL OCT. 11 – Join us to hear internationally acclaimed concert pianist Thomas Rosenkranz for our 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, for Second Thursday Recital. The program will feature favorites of Scriabin, Schubert and Messiaen, as well as a surprising piece for piano and boombox, "The Body of your Dreams" by Jacob T.V.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

REV. ANNE HUTCHERSON HERE THIS TUESDAY – Join us at noon Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Faith & Grief Lunch in Friendship Hall when our guest speaker, Rev. Anne Hutcherson, shares her reflections on why grief doesn't have a tidy, socially acceptable conclusion. Lunch is provided; reservations are extremely helpful although not a necessity. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or at linda.alley@villageores.org to register.

YOU CAN STILL SEE "BIG SONIA" – If you missed Sonia Warshawski and Regina's Kort's stirring presentation on Thursday, Sept. 6, don't worry because it's available online. Just go to www.villagepres.org, click on Pastoral Care and Counseling, then "About," and you will be able to watch the entire event.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE HOME COMMUNION? We will be offering home communion the first two weeks of November. If you would like to receive home communion, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry is for all people in their 20's and 30's.

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 7 p.m. Thursday at KC Bier Company, for "Being Presbyterian 101." Three in one. One in three. What the heck is the Trinity? (Yes, we're poets.) Let's talk about it. Let's talk about it. Details online at VillagePresYA.org/thursdays.

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT – 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2. For one day our community resources join together in one place to aid our homeless community in finding the services they need! Volunteers will partner one-on-one with a homeless friend to help navigate the day. Training provided at arrival. Sign up at VillagePresYA.org/calendar/homelesskc.

COMMUNITY SERVE DAY – 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Our international mission partners in Haiti suffered a warehouse fire here in KC this summer. All hands are needed to help with clean up! Children welcome to come with young adult parents. Address: 65th and Troost. Details online: VillagePresYA.org/calendar/serve.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for any of our weekly activities beginning today – All are welcome regardless of previous Village attendance and no sign-up is required. Check villagepresyouth.org for more details.

ALPHA & OMEGA – 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays, for middle school (meets in the Youth Loft) and high school (meets in the Upper Room).

SNL (high school youth group) – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

LOFTERNOONS (middle school after school program) – 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

GPS (middle school youth group) – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

EARLY TABLE (morning devotional for high schoolers with food) – 7:30-8:15 a.m. Thursdays, at Zach's house (5401 W. 77th St., Prairie Village) And yes, we give you a ride to school afterward if you need it!

REGISTRATION FOR SKI TRIP AND DOMINICAN – Forms are now available exclusively at the church for these amazing trips happening Jan. 18-21 (Ski Trip) and March 9-16 (Dominican). Registration will go live online beginning today.

Chelsea Clinton Appearing at Village on Mission

The #1 "New York Times" bestselling author has published a new children's book, "Start Now! You Can Make a Difference." She'll be at Village on Mission at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, to discuss her book and respond to questions in the Sanctuary. Rainy Day Books and the Girl Scouts are co-presenting this ticketed event. Get more information and purchase tickets at www.rainydaybooks.com/ChelseaClinton2018 or call Rainy Day Books at 913-384-3126.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Prophet & Lost Statements: A Series on Jonah

Jonah was called by God to share a holy word in Nineveh. Nineveh was the last place that Jonah wanted to go. There were good reasons for that. But after a few days in a fish to think things over, Jonah agrees. He's still not happy about it. Some of the prophets were bothered that they had to speak words of judgment (Jeremiah and Isaiah would be among them). Jonah was worried that God might be gracious. So, this prophet tries to get lost . . . but one thing that will not happen with a gracious God . . . try as you might, you won't be lost.

Sept. 9	You Have A Calling. Need Directions?
Sept. 16	Giving Thanks Ahead of Schedule
Sept. 23	Who Knows?
Sept. 30	Grace Can Be A Problem
Oct. 7	What About All These Animals?

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Thomas L. Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist

Will Breytspraak, director of music ❖ Rev. Len Carrell, pastor of pastoral care

Rev. Becky Chamberlain, interim pastor of pastoral care ❖ Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick, site pastor of Village on Antioch

Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry ❖ Marjean Lindquist, director of child care

Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration ❖ Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor

Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music ❖ Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship and endowments

Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries ❖ Deborah White, director of mission

Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries ❖ Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, pastor emeritus

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at villagepres.org.

Click the home page link "Live Sermon and Sermon Archives."

The Sanctuary worship service is broadcast live at 8 a.m. on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel.

We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

Please note that additional parking is available across Mission Road in the Prairie School parking lots.

If you are not taking your bulletin with you, please hand it to an usher so it may be recycled.
